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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM: JOEL AND ODINE SEJOUR

REF: STATE 210477

1. POST HAS NO INFORMATION ON FILE THAT WILL EITHER CONFIRM OR REFUTE THE ALLEGED FEARS OF POLITICAL PERSECUTION OF JOEL WILLIAMSON SEJOUR AND HIS WIFE, ODINE MARGARET SEJOUR. BOTH PORT DE PAIX AND GONAIVES ARE TOO DISTANT TO ENABLE EMBOFF TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH RELATIVES OF THE SEJOURS.

2. BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFTEL, IT IS OUR ASSESSMENT THAT SHOULD THE SEJOURS RETURN TO HAITI, THEIR FEARS OF PERSECUTION BY THE GOH WOULD BE UNWARRANTED. ACCORDING TO HER OWN STATEMENT, ODINE SEJOUR HAS NO HISTORY OF POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT. JOEL SEJOUR'S CLAIM IS BASED SOLELY ON HIS OWN ALLEGATION THAT EIGHT YEARS AGO HE WAS TO BE ARRESTED FOR HIS ASSOCIATION WITH AN OBSCURE POLITICAL GROUP. THE CURRENT REGIME IS SOMEWHAT MORE TOLERANT THAN THE FORMER GOVERNMENT AND WOULD PROBABLY HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN, IF INDEED IT EVEN HAS KNOWLEDGE OF, SEJOUR'S ACTIVITIES OF 1967-68.

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